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1. An airfield was located about ten miles northeast of NOVGOROD (31°17'E/58°32'N), about three miles east of the RR line to LENINGRAD. It was bordered on the west by the Volkhov River. *
 - a. There was a concrete runway, about 1,600 feet long. The other landing field, of firm soil, was serviceable throughout the year, in all weather.
 - b. Four destroyed hangars were located at the northern border of the field. Two hangars on the eastern border, which had been destroyed during the war, were being reconstructed in April 1946. The hangars were solid structures, plastered and painted white. A series of cantonment quarters were in the eastern sector of the field, east of the reconstructed hangars.
 - c. Four radio masts were erected in early 1948, 330 to 500 feet apart, at the southwestern corner of the field.
 - d. Only biplanes were parked at the airfield until late 1948. Jet-fighters practicing in pairs have been observed since November 1948. Description: Stubby fuselage; single-rudder assembly; rather wide, short wings; wing tips not rounded off. Underneath each wing an attachment like a shaft or aperture, not projecting beyond the edge of the wing. When the aircraft was flying a kind of vapor trail emanated from the rear section of the attachments. Take-offs were made at an angle of about 70 degrees. **
 - e. The cantonment buildings on the eastern border of the field were occupied by about 200 to 300 soldiers, most of them technical and guard personnel.
2. A second airfield, called the old airfield, was about three miles southwest of the town, immediately east of the road to SHIMSK (30°45'E/58°13'N).

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- a. A fuel dump was 3,300 feet northwest of the field, west of the road.
- b. The landing field was of firm soil, with a poor grass cover.
- c. Construction of wooden houses and wooden hangars was started at the southern and southwestern corners of the field in October 1948. These hangars, of brick framework, seemed unsuitable for aircraft because of their small size and small doors.
- d. Some obsolete biplanes were parked at the landing field. There was daily individual flying, mostly local, with these planes. ***
- e. A guard detail of 15 soldiers was stationed at the field. Trucks were observed driving rather regularly between the old and the field northeast of NOVGOROD.

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- * a. Assumed to be the field previously reported to be northeast of NOVGOROD.

- *** [] a fighter unit in the process of being converted to jet-propelled aircraft was assumed to be stationed there. It is also possible that fighter pilots are being retrained with jet-propelled aircraft. Although the description of the jet-fighter type is very vague, the shape of the wings and power plants set under the wings indicate [] possibly a two-seater plane used for retraining.

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- *** b. [] the field was occupied by ten U-2s. It is probably used as a training field by the air unit stationed at the airfield northeast of NOVGOROD.

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